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SUBJECT Soviet Censorship of Ukrainian-
Language Publications Originating
in Czechoslovakia

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SOURCE A usually reliable source, a Ukrainian emigre living in the West, from a Czech citizen, who is a member of the Ukrainian community in Presov, Czechoslovakia.

1. In late August 1968, the Slovak Central Post Office informed Presov, Czechoslovakia, publishers that delivery of Ukrainian-language publications to the Soviet Union would cease. In October 1968 a (fnu) Hrytsyuk was assigned to censor Ukrainian-language publications in Presov. Hrytsyuk reportedly was from the Carpatho-Ukrainian area, but informant said his accent was anything but Carpatho-Ukrainian. Hrytsyuk's first order of business was to cancel 40 percent of the Ukrainian-language publications scheduled for 1969.

2. One of the subscribers (time unspecified) to the Ukrainian-language journal Duklya and other material published in Presov was the son of Petr Ye. Shelest, who was a student at the University of Kiev.

3. In June 1968, the KGB interrogated several Soviet Ukrainians in Kiev who were receiving Ukrainian-language publications from Presov. Among those interrogated was Vasyl' Klempush, a docent of mathematics at the University of Kiev. In addition to being interrogated about his receiving and reading Presov publications, he was accused of other "crimes" and sentenced to a year in prison. Following the intervention on his behalf by a brother-in-law, a colonel in the KGB, Klempush was placed on probation but relieved of his "docentura".

4. In addition to copies of unpublished and forbidden Soviet literature there are also being circulated in the Ukraine copies of various Western publications, including articles from the Ukrainian emigre journal Suchasnist and the newspaper Ukrainskyy Samostiynyk.

5. Field Dissem: None.

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